



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: 8/13/20

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 8/13/20

Time: 0217

Location of Offense/Incident: I 71 N & Morse Rd.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 18

Incident Report #: 200603637

Cruiser District: 180

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Incident Summary: On 8/13/20 at approximately 2:17 AM, Jane Doe was traveling northbound on I 71 N approaching Morse Rd. in a 2018 Nissan NV200 bearing Ohio license HNC9947 when, for reasons still under investigation, she lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle swerved off the roadway on the right, striking the guardrail before overturning and skidding across the roadway to the left berm, where it came to rest. Ms. Doe was pronounced dead at the scene at 2:24 AM.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated an investigation, which is ongoing.

The freeway remained closed during the investigation and clean-up. It reopened at 7:26 AM.

Jane Doe's identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

There have been 39 traffic fatalities in Columbus in 2020.

UPDATE

The driver of the vehicle has been identified as Kim Smales (58) of Obetz.

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